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DECISION GRANTING REQUEST TO CONVERT TO NON-PROVISIONAL

This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 1.53(c)(3) received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 11/17/2003, to convert the above-identified application to a non-provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b).

The request is granted.

The application will be processed in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) as a non-provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b), including the assignment of a new non-provisional application number.

The non-provisional application number is **10/713,897.** The filing receipt for the non-provisional application number will be mailed to the applicant by OIPE in due course.

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